

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 71, line 9, at paragraph 2, please replace the full paragraph as follows:

Plasmid pGL3-Basic (Promega, Madison, Wis.; Cat. #E1751) is used as a control plasmid containing the promoterless luciferase gene. The reporter construct containing the ABCA-1 promoter and luciferase gene is made by cloning a genomic fragment from the 5' flanking region of the ABCA-1 gene into the SacI site of the GL3-Basic plasmid to generate plasmid GL-6a. Next, plasmid GL-6a is digested with SpeI and Acc65I. A BsiWI-SpeI fragment excised from a lambda subclone, representing the ABCA-1 genomic sequence is ligated into the remaining vector/ABCA-I promoter fragment produced by this digestion. The resultant plasmid, pAPR1, encodes the luciferase reporter gene under transcriptional control of 1.75 kb of the human ABCA-1 promoter sequence.